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PASS TO STANLEY SCOTT, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AFRICA  
BUREAU, AID, FROM MINISTER-COUNSELOR WILLIAM B. JONES,  
U.S. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAD/UNESCO

SUBJECT: AID-UNESCO CONSULTATION.

1. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP CONCERN OVER NEWS I JUST  
RECEIVED THAT AID'S AFRICA BUREAU DOES NOT PLAN TO BE  
REPRESENTED AT A SENIOR LEVEL IN AID/UNESCO CONSULTATI-  
ON STARTING MARCH 15.

2. AGENDA WHICH HAS BEEN JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY AID AND  
UNESCO INDICATES POTENTIAL PROFESSIONAL IMPORTANCE OF  
MEETING. ISSUES SUCH AS INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES IN ANALYSIS,  
PLANNING AND MANAGING EDUCATION AND SCIENCE AND ADDRES-  
SING NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE AMONG  
MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING BOTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR  
QUEST FOR IMPROVED DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKINGS. THE HIGH  
LEVEL OF PEOPLE COMING FROM AID'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
BUREAU SHOULD CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THESE DISCUSSIONS.  
SOME OF UNESCO'S MOST COMPETENT PEOPLE ARE ALSO CARVING  
OUT SCARCE TIME FROM THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO SHARE  
THEIR EXPERIENCES AND CONCERN WITH AID COLLEAGUES. IT  
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IS FELT GENERALLY THAT BOTH ORGANIZATIONS COULD BENEFIT

FROM SUCH PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES.

OUR TASK HERE WILL BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT IF AID'S AFRICA BUREAU IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THIS SAME SENIOR LEVEL. AFRICA IS UNESCO'S MAJOR OPERATIONAL REGION. ALMOST HALF OF UNESCO'S TOTAL FIELD ACTIVITIES ARE THERE. SOME OF UNESCO'S BEST EXPERIENCES ARE IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY IN AID'S HIGH PRIORITY CONCERN OF REACHING THE RURAL POOR.

4. ALSO, IN ADDITION TO THE IMPORTANT FUNCTIONAL SUBJECTS, A MAJOR AGENDA ITEM IS AN IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF SELECTED AID AND UNESCO PROJECTS IN CHAD, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA AND INDONESIA. GIVEN THIS HEAVY CONCENTRATION IN THE SAHEL REGION WE WOULD FIND IT MOST ADVANTAGEOUS IF AID'S AFRICA BUREAU COULD BE REPRESENTED AT A DIRECTOR LEVEL TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH UNESCO ON EXPERIENCES IN THIS REGION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT EITHER PRINCETON LYMAN, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, MILES WEDEMAN, DIRECTOR OF REDSO/WA, OR DAVID SHEAR, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA REGIONAL AFFAIRS COULD PARTICIPATE. WE FEEL THAT ANY ONE OF THESE OFFICERS COULD CONTRIBUTE A GREAT DEAL TO THE MEETING AND HOPEFULLY WOULD GAIN USEFUL INFORMATION AS WELL.

5. WITH REGARD TO SUGGESTION THAT AFRICA BUREAU

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BE REPRESENTED BY HOWARD HELMAN OF EMBASSY ECONOMIC SECTION OR BY ROY STACY OF DAC, WE HAD HOPED THAT THEY COULD HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SAHEL DISCUSSIONS IN ADDITION TO DIRECTOR LEVEL AFRICA BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND HELMAN IS LEAVING PARIS MARCH 11 FOR TDY IN AFRICA, AND STACY IS LEAVING PARIS MARCH 15 FOR TDY AFRICA.

6. FURTHER, UNESCO DG AMATAR MAHTAR M'BOW IS AN AFRICAN AS IS HIS CHEF D'CABINET AND THEIR FOCUS IS ON STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS FOR AFRICA. FOR USAID TO DELETE REPRESENTATIVE BY THE AFRICAN BUREAU IT MIGHT BE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF US DISINTEREST IN UNESCO'S AFRICAN PROGRAMS AND BE GIVEN UNFAVORABLE PERSONAL DONATIONS BY M'BOW AND BY AFRICAN PERMREPS WHO ARE CLOSELY WATCHING TO SEE WHETHER THE US HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN AFRICA IS SINCERE.

7. IT WOULD BE-MUCH APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD AGREE TO SEND EITHER LYMAN, WEDEMAN OR SHEAR TO THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.  
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